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Amendment to the Russian Sanitary and Labeling Requirements for Fish

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Report Highlights:

On April 21, 2010, Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation approved new sanitary rules to improve the quality of frozen fish and products, specify weight of glaze applied on different categories of seafood, and provide the consumer with more detailed information regarding the product. The new additions to sanitary and labeling requirements will come into force on October 1, 2010.

General Information:

Executive Summary

On April 21, 2010, the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation approved Amendment # 17 to SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 The Hygienic Requirements for Foodstuff Safety and Nutritional Value as regards to fish and fish products. The new sanitary rules are called to improve the quality of frozen fish and products, specify weight of glaze applied on different categories of seafood, and provide the consumer with more detailed information regarding the product. The new additions to sanitary and labeling requirements will come into force on October 1, 2010.

In 2009, the Head of the Federal Fishery Agency Andrey Krayniy and other government officials raised their concern with the poor quality of fish. The major issue was the water content in frozen imported fish that in most cases exceeded 50 percent of the product weight. Laboratory tests conducted with support of “Rossiyskaya Gazeta” revealed that in a number of instances product called Pollock fillet was in fact Pollock trimmings mixed with ice.

Currently the Government is working to adopt another national standard for fish and seafood products – technical regulation. The GOR and the Russian fishery industry agreed that implementation of the new regulation will strengthen requirements for fish and seafood quality. The Head of the Fishery Agency Andrey Krayniy states that the primary objectives of the technical regulation for fish and fish products are: protection of consumers’ health; preventing consumers from low quality as well as from falsified products. Currently the document is going through the 2nd reading at the State Duma. It is expected that the regulation will be approved by the end of CY 2010.

Unofficial translation of the Resolution:

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Resolution of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation dated April 21, 2010, # 27 “On Approval SanPin 2.3.2.2603-10.”

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In accordance with Federal law dated March 30, 1999, # 52-FZ "On the Sanitary-Epidemiological Welfare of Population" (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 1999, # 14, Art. 1650, 2002, # 1 (Part 1), Art. 2; 2003, # 2, Art. 167, 2003, # 27 (Part 1), Art. 2700; 2004, # 35, Art. 3607, 2005, # 19, Art. 1752; 2006, # 1, Art. 10; 2006, # 52 (Part 1), Art. 5498; 2007 # 1 (Part 1), Art. 21, 2007, # 1 (Part 1), Art. 29, 2007, # 27, Art. 3213; 2007, # 46, Art. 5554, 2007, # 49, Art. 6070, 2008, # 24, Art. 2801, 2008, # 29 (Part 1), Art. 3418, 2008, # 30 (part 2) , Art. 3616, 2008, # 44, Art. 4984, 2008, # 52 (Part 1), Art. 6223, 2009, # 1, Art. 17) and the decision of the Government of the Russian Federation from 24.07.2000 # 554 "On Approval of the Federal Sanitary and Epidemiological Service of the Russian Federation and the Regulations on Federal Sanitary and Epidemiological Norms "(Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2000, # 31, Art. 3295, 2004, # 8, art. 663, 2004, # 47, Art. 4666, 2005, # 39, Art. 3953) **decree:**

1. Approve SanPin 2.3.2.2603-10 "Amendment # 17 to the sanitary-epidemiological rules and regulations SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01" Hygienic requirements for safety and nutritional value of food products", approved by Decree of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation, First Deputy Minister of Health of the Russian Federation dated November 14, 2001, # 36 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia on March 22, 2002, registration number 3326) (appendix), as amended and supplemented the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation, First Deputy Minister of Health of the Russian Federation dated May 31, 2002, # 18 "On Amendments to the Decree of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation, First Deputy Minister of Health of the Russian Federation dated November 14, 2001, # 36 "(registered in Ministry of Justice of Russia dated June 4, 2002, registration number 3499), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation, First Deputy Minister of Health Russian Federation from April 15, 2003, # 41 "On Approval SanPiN 2.3.2.1280-03 - additions and changes to # 2 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered in the Ministry of Justice of Russia on May 29, 2003, registration number 4603), the decision of the Chief Medical Officer the Russian Federation of 25 June 2007, # 42 "On approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2227-07 - additions and changes to # 5 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered in Ministry of Justice of Russia July 16, 2007, registration number 9852), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation dated February 18, 2008, # 13 "On approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2340-08 - additions and changes to the # 6 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia, March 11, 2008, registration number 11311), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation from April 21, 2008 # 26 "On approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2354-08 - additions and changes to the # 8 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia 23.05.2008, registration number 11741), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation dated May 23, 2008, # 30 "On Approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2362-08 - additions and changes to the # 9 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia on June 6, 2008, registration number 11805), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation from July 16, 2008, # 43 "On approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2401-08 - additions and changes to # 10 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia July 31, 2008, registration number 12059), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 2008, # 56 "On approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2421-08 - addition to # 11 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia October 2, 2008, registration number 12391), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation from October 10, 2008, # 58 "On approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2422-08 - addition to #12 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia October 27, 2008, registration number 12530), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation from 11.12.2008 # 69 "On approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2430-08 - # 13 changes to SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia December 19, 2008,

registration number 12906), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation May 5, 2009, # 28 "On approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2509-08 - addition to # 14 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia on June 26, 2009, registration number 14168), the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation dated December 8, 2009, # 73 "On approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2567-09 - additions and changes to # 15 SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered with the Ministry of Justice of Russia December 24, 2009, registration number 15813) and the decision of the Chief Sanitary Officer of the Russian Federation dated January 27, 2010, # 6 "On Approval SanPiN 2.3.2.2575-10" - modified # 16 to SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 (registered in Ministry of Justice of Russia on March 10, 2010, registration number 16592).

2. The present sanitary regulations come into force starting from October 1, 2010.

Chief Sanitary Officer

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Attachment

Amendment # 17 to SanPiN 2.3.2.1078-01 Hygienic Requirements for Foodstuff Safety and Nutritional

Sanitary-Epidemiological Rules and Norms SanPiN 2.3.2.2603-10

Include addition into SanPiN 2.3.2. 1078-01:

1. In chapter II. "General Provisions":

At the end of paragraph 2.18 include the following statements:

"Labeling on consumer packaging, packaging of fish products should contain additional information regarding homogeneous fish products of the following groups:

- Frozen fish products:

a) glazed - net weight must be specified without glaze weight;

b) produced from frozen fish products - an indication for second freezing;

- Frozen salted and pickled fish products – should include the statement "Frozen products."

2. In Chapter III. "Hygienic Requirements for Foodstuff Safety and Nutritional Value:

Amend paragraph 3.42 to read:

"3.42. When processing fish fillets with the use of food additives, moisture content after the glaze is removed should not exceed 86 percent of the weight of fish fillets.

Weight of glaze applied on frozen fish products produced from fish, must not exceed 5 percent of net weight, for shrimp - 6 percent of net weight, and for fishery products produced from other aquatic invertebrates, aquatic mammals, algae and other aquatic animals and plants, must not exceed 8 percent of the weight of glazed frozen fish products.

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